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SUBJ: PLO SPOKESMAN IN TANZANIA PRESS

1. UNDER HEADLINE "WE WILL NOT COMPROMISE," TANZANIA
GOVERNMENT OWNED DAILY NEWS OF MARCH 27 CARRIED INTERVIEW
WITH PLO CHIEF REPRESENTATIVE IN TANZANIA FOU DA BITAR.
PLO OFFICE IN DAR ES SLAA IS ACTIVE AND ONE REPRESENTATIVE HAS
BEEN INTERVIEWED ON ZANZIBAR TELEVISION. TO BEST OUR RECOLLECTION
BITAR INTERVIEW IS FIRST TIME DAILY NEWS HAS CARRIED MAJOR
STATEMENT ATTRIBUTED TO PLO SPOKESMAN.

2. BEGIN TEXT: THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS,
TOGETHER WITH THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION ARE ANXIOUS TO GET
ISRAEL AND RABA COUNTRIES DOWN IN GENEVA TO DISCUSS PEACE IN
THE MIDDLE EAST. BUT ISRAEL REFUSES THE PARTICIPATION OF YOUR
ORGANISATION AT THE TALKS. IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES, WHAT ARE THE
PROSPECTS OF SUCH TALKS?

A- IT SEEMS EVERYBODY IS ANXIOUS FOR THE GENEVA CONFERENCE,
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WHICH, IN MY VIEW WILL NOT HAVE ANY LASTING RESULTS. THE CENTRAL
ISSUE IN THE MIDDLE EAST IS THE PALESTINIAN QUESTION UNLESS THIS
IS BORN IN MIND, THERE WILL STILL BE THE QUESTION: ON WHAT BASIS
SHOULD THE CONFERENCE BE HELD AND WHAT WOULD BE THE AGENDA OF THIS
CONFERENCE? AS FAR AS WE KNOW THE BSIS OF THE CONFERENCE IS THE
UN SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS BECAUSE THEY REGARD THE PALESTINIAN
QUESTION AS A MERE REFUGEE PROBLEM AND COMPLETELY IGNORES THE

SOVEREIGNTY OF OUR PEOPLE IN THEIR HOMELAND. UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, IT IS NOT DIFFICULT TO SEE OUR NATIONALISTIC POINT OF VIEW TO OUR RIGHT IN OUR HOMELAND AND OUR DILEMA AS A DISPALCED PEOPLE IS THE SOURCE OF THE MIDDLE EAST CRISIS

IN THE WORDS OF OUR LEADER, BROTHER ARAFAT DURING A MEETING RECENTLY WITH SECRETARY-GENERAL KURT WELDEHEIM: "NO ONE CAN TALK ON BEHALF OF THE PLO. THE ONLY SPOKESMAN ON BEHALF OF PALESTINIANS IS THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION. WE ARE PREPARED TO PAY A PRICE ANY MORE TO ANYBODY. IT IS THE IRONY OF HISTORY THAT WHEREAS IT IS A FACT THAT WE RANK ONE OF THE MOST EDUCATED PEOPLE IN THE WORLD AND REPRESENT THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF EDUCATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST, WE REMAIN WITHOUT A HOMELAND, ENITY OR STATE."

I CAN THEREFORE STATE THAT WITHOUT A REALISATION OF THIS FACT OF OUR SOVERIGHTY AS A PEOPLE, PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST WOULD SEEM IMPOSSIBLE TO MATERIALISE.

Q: WE HAVE HEARD SOMETHING OF PALESTINE NATIONAL COUNCIL ALONG WHICH PRESIDENT SADAT IS REPORTEDLY TALKING IT INTO "MODERATION" FOR THE PROSPECTS OF A PALESTINIAN STATE WHICH WOULD GRADUALLY "MERGR" WITH JORDAN SO AS TO BE ACCEPTABLE TO THE JEWISH STATE. WHAT IS ALL ABOUT THIS?

A: FIRSTLY, I WOULD LIKE TO SAY THAT PALESTINIAN NATIONAL COUNCIL HAS NEVER BEEN MODERATE. THE COUNCIL IS COMPOSED OF THE FIGHTING PALESTINIAN ORGANISATION WHO REPRESENT THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS, AND NO ONE WOULD WANT A COMPROMISE WITH THE ENEMY.
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THE PALESTINIAN NATIONAL COUNCIL IS THE HIGHEST AUTHORITY WHIHC FUNCTIONS EXACTLY LIKE A "PARLIAMENT" WITH WORKERS AND MASS REPRESENTATIVES. SO I CANNOT SEE HOW THIS BODY COULD BE MODERATE. AND TURNING TO THE SO-CALLED MERGE WITH THE JORDANIAN REGIME - THE TRAITOROUS OLIGARCHY THAT HAD CARRIED OUT MASSACRES ON OUR PEOPLE IN 1970 AND AN ALLY OF THE REACTIONARY RIGHT DURING THE RECENT FIGHTING IN THE LEBANON, IT IS CLEARLY OUT OF QUESTION EVEN TO CONCEIVE OF THE IDEA OF A MERGE WITH SUCH A REGIME. ACCORDING TO A RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE PALESTINE NATIONAL COUNCIL IN 1974, PALESTINIANS COULD ONLY ESTABLISH A NATIONAL AUTHORITY ON ANY PIECE OF OCCUPIED TERRITORY WHICH IS LIBERATED OR WHERE THE ZIONIST FORCES HAD WITHDRAWN. THIS COUNCIL OF THE PLO HAS SURMOUNTED MANY DIFFICULTIES BUT HAS ALWAYS MERGED OUT WITH PURE PROGRESSIVE AND PALESTINIAN SOLUTIONS.

Q: THERE HAS BEEN REPORTS OF SPORADIC RESUMPTION OF FIGHTING IN THE LEBANON AFTER WHAT SEEMED TO BE A SUCCESSFUL CEASEFIRE. WHAT IS THE TROUBLE?

A: IT IS A FACT TO STATE THAT THE PLOT AGAINST THE PALESTINIAN

PEOPLE AND THE REVOLUTION ALONGSIDE THE LEBANESE NATIONAL FORCES IS STILL ON AND IT IS NOT SURPRISING TO FIND THAT SPORADIC FIGHTING TAKES PLACE IN DIFFERENT AREAS. WHAT SEEMS TO BE A SUCCESSFUL CEASEFIRE IN LEBANON WAS ONE OF THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE RIYADH MINI-SUMMIT AND CAIRO'S SUMMIT AND SINCE THE JOINT IMPERIALIST-ZIONIST CONSPIRACY FAILED TO ACHIEVE ITS AIM - THAT IS TO LIQUIDATE AND BANISH THE PALESTINIANS RESISTANCE THE PUPPETS IN LEBANON HAVE MOBILISED TO BRING ABOUT CONTRADICTIONS AND ULTIMATELY WAS BELIEVING THAT THE PALESTINIANS AND THEIR ALLIES HAVE NOW GROWN WEAKER AND IT IS THEREFORE EASY TO DISLODGE THEM. HERE, I WOULD LIKE TO SAY AND ASSURE OUR COMRADES AND FRIENDS IN TANZANIA AND AFRICA AND THE WORLD IN GENERAL AND AT THE SAME TIME WARN COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARIES THAT WE ARE WITH NO DOUBT, STRONGER THAN EVERY BEFORE.

OUR REVOLUTION IS AWARE OF ALL OBSTACLES AND WILL ENDEAVOUR TO BLOCK AND PREVENT REACTIONARIES IN BOTH THE LEBANON AND ELSEWHERE IN THE MIDDLE FROM ACHIEVING THEIR SINISTER AMBITIONS.

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Q: IS THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST MADE ANY BETTER OR WORSE WITH THE EMERGENCE OF THE CARTER ERA?

A: TO ANSWER THIS QUESTION, WE HAVE TO LOOK AT THE AMERICAN HISTORICAL BACKGROUND NOT ONLY IN PALESTINE AND THE MIDDLE EAST, BUT EVERYWHERE IN THE WORLD WHETHER IT BE VIETNAM. KAMPUCHEA OR AFRICA. WE SEE THEN THAT THE AMERICAN POLICY IS GEARED TOWARDS ITS OWN IMPERIALISTIC DESIGNS. NO MATTER WHO IS IN THE WHITE HOUSE, THERE WOULD BE NO RADICAL CHANGES IN THEIR SYSTEM AND OVERALL POLICY. IT IS WELL KNOWN THAT ISRAEL IS THE BASE OF IMPERIALISM IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND HAS TERRITORIAL DESIGNS NOT ONLY IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND WOULD WANT TO CONTROL AS FAR AWAY COUNTRIES LIKE IN ASIA AND AFRICA, ALL ON BEHALF OF WASHINGTON. I SHOULD HOWEVER SAY THAT AMONG THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, OUR CAUSE HAS BEGUN TO GAIN THEIR SUPPORT AND IN A BIG WAY. FOR THIS REASON, WHETHER OR NOT THERE IS A CARTER ADMINISTRATION BECOMES IRRELEVANT. END TEXT
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